

## TELLS WHAT HAPPENED

Mr. Landon Answers the Fisher Complaint.

## JUST "JOSHED" PASSENGER

Pier Caretaker Christian Toldirate Traveller That He Would Have Him an Axe Next Time—Directors Report to Chamber.

W. H. Landon, local agent for the Old Dominion Steamship Company, appeared before the Chamber of Commerce last night and made an explanation of the alleged discourteous treatment of Robert A. Fisher at Old Dominion pier a one rainy night in February, complaint of which was made by Mr. Fisher in a communication published in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Supt. L. B. Manville, of the Old Dominion Land Company, was not present to give his company's side of the affair, but Secretary W. E. Cottrell was directed to write him a letter asking for a statement.

It is the intention of the chamber to embody the two statements in a communication which will be forwarded to the Times-Dispatch for publication. The publication also will include a statement of the improvements that are to be made to the pier and to the service for passengers who have to wait on the dock for the night steamer to Richmond.

Mr. Landon told the members of the chamber that he had made a very thorough investigation of Mr. Fisher's charges. He learned first that the passenger had gone to the pier at 7:30 o'clock, an hour before the time for the arrival of the steamer from Norfolk. Mr. Christian, who is in charge of the waiting room at the dock, opened the waiting room that night at 7:55 o'clock, 35 minutes before the steamer arrived.

Mr. Landon went on to say that when Mr. Christian reached the pier he found Mr. Fisher and several other passengers waiting in the rain. Mr. Fisher said something to Mr. Christian about the waiting room not being opened and remarked that if he had had an axe he would have broken it up.

## "Joshes" Irritate Passenger.

Mr. Christian told him that if he'd drop him (Christian) a line by postal would have an axe handy," continued Mr. Landon. "Then Mr. Fisher said something about preferring charges against Mr. Christian and the latter offered him a table, chair, pen, ink and paper and told him that it was a half hour before the steamer would arrive and to go ahead and write out a full set of charges.

"Mr. Christian says he was 'joshing' Mr. Fisher to get him in a good humor, but instead he irritated him. I am sorry that this affair occurred, but am helpless in the case. Pier A doesn't belong to the Old Dominion Steamship Company and Mr. Christian is employed by the Old Dominion Land Company to look after the pier and open the waiting room a half hour before the steamer from Richmond arrives," concluded Mr. Landon.

Several members of the chamber had something to say on the subject, all urging that the Old Dominion Land Company officials be pressed for a statement. Several of the members of the chamber also said that the service given the passengers waiting on the dock is not of the best and should be improved.

The chamber held a busy regular meeting last night, disposing of many matters of importance. Chairman Holmes, of the committee on commerce and commercial usages, reported that the four acetylene gas buoys have been installed and moved that the chamber send letters of thanks to Congressman Jones and Senator Martin for their work in securing the buoys, which motion prevailed without division.

**Change Arrangement of Buoys.** Captain Fred D. Cocke, of the Virginia Pilots' Association, reported that the buoys had not been placed according to the recommendations of the chamber, which were transmitted to the Light House board through Congressman Jones and the matter of having the buoys rearranged was left in the hands of the committee on commerce and commercial usages. Captain Cocke said that he thought the pilots could give better service in bringing vessels into this port at night if the buoys were differently arranged.

Captain Cocke also reported that the entrance to the Hampton Roads side of the Newport News Middle Ground bar is not being kept clear at night, vessels anchoring at the channel entrance. This matter also was referred to the commerce committee and Captain Cocke. The treasury department will be asked to lay off the line of anchorage in the Roads around the mouth of the channel and then ships will be compelled to keep within the anchorage ground.

The matter of raising the necessary \$500 for the summer normal school to be held in this city in June was brought up and discussed at length. It finally was decided to ask the city council to appropriate half the amount with the understanding that the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association would contribute the remaining \$250. The committee on taxation and legislation was instructed to appear before the council and ask for the money. The chamber adopted a resolution placing \$25 at the disposal of Supt. W. A. Jenkins for immediate use in advertising the normal school.

**Retain Steamship Line.** Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, of the entertainment committee, made a report of the visit of President Bryde, of the Norway-Mexico Gulf Line, to this city ten days ago and of the entertainment given him by the committee. Dr. Jones reported further that Captain Bryde seemed to be well pleased with this city as a port of call on the Atlantic coast and stated that he had recently seen a published interview in which Captain Bryde stated that the freight rates from Newport News to the West are cheaper than those from New York to the West. Mr. H. R. Holmes, Captain Bryde and that he felt sure that the captain was more than well pleased with the accommodations here for the Norway-Mexico Gulf steamers and that there was no danger of this port losing the line.

Secretary W. E. Cottrell read an interesting account of the work done by the board of directors of the chamber during the past two and one-half months. This report showed that fifteen meetings had been held during that time and that many matters of vital importance to the city had been disposed of. The report was highly complimented by the members and several expressed the hope that the secretary would make similar reports at every meeting of the chamber.

**Wants Car Shops Here.** Dr. Clarence Porter Jones again brought up the matter of endeavoring to have the shipyard officials equip their plant with a car-building department and Secretary Cottrell was directed to write the officials of the shipyard asking that such a department be put in at the shipyard. Dr. Jones said that he thought a car-building plant would mean a great thing for Newport News.

Secretary Cottrell reported the resignation of Louis C. Phillips as treasurer and the election of J. E. Warren as his successor. The secretary also read the report of the treasurer, which shows that the chamber has a balance of more than \$800 on hand at this time.

## SOCIAL-PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Grlerson and little daughter left last night for Moresville, N. C., where they will be the guests of relatives.

Mrs. Harry L. Lipley, on Twenty-sixth street, has as her guests, Mrs. Harry Collins and little son, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. John Lowery, who has been absent from the city several weeks because of the illness and subsequent death of her husband, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Frederick Palen, in North End, has as her guest, her mother, Mrs. George Mayo, of Richmond.

Miss Blanche has returned from Scottsville, where she was the guest of relatives.

Miss Dollie Klingaman has returned from a visit to relatives in Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. R. A. Lobert has as her guest in this city, her sister, Miss Edna Graham, of King William county.

Miss Jeannette Thompson has returned from a visit to relatives in Lynchburg.

The Misses Merritt have as their guest in this city, their cousin, Miss Margaret Merritt, of Washington, D. C.

Miss Mary Hinton will leave today for Charlottesville, where she will visit relatives.

Miss Grace Blaney has returned from a visit to Washington.

## TO OPEN BIDS FOR NEW THEATER THIS MONTH

Handsome Structure to be Erected at Washington Avenue and Thirty-first Street.

Bids for the construction of a handsome new theater on the northeast corner of Washington avenue and Thirty-first street will be opened on March 24 by W. P. and C. T. Crall, managers and owners of the Academy vaudeville show and a vaudeville house in Norfolk. It is understood that many contractors of this city, Hampton and Norfolk have been asked to submit estimates on the work. The new house is to occupy the site on which the old Washington block stands. The contract for the erection of the building will be let immediately after the bids are opened and the work of tearing down the Washington block building probably will begin early in April. Work on the new building will be rushed as rapidly as possible and it will be completed during the coming summer.

Messrs. Crall say that the theater will be of the latest model, completely fire-proof throughout. It will be "hot" is known as a "ground floor theater." At first a vaudeville and moving picture show will be run, but later it may be converted into a "real" vaudeville house on the order of the Colonial theater in Norfolk.

**Food Sale.** St. Agatha's Guild, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will hold a food sale at Abbe's Bookstore on Saturday, March 12, beginning at 2 p. m. Homemade cakes, pies, candies and preserves will be on sale.

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## LINING UP FOR FIGHT

Republicans in New York Senate Badly Split.

## PUBLIC IS SUSPICIOUS

Election of Cobb and Ignoring of Advice from Hughes and Root Regarded as Indication of Intention to Shut Off Airing of Scandals.

(By Associated Press.)

ALBANY, N. Y., March 11.—Senator Newcomb gave notice today that he is preparing to get some action on his resolution providing for an unlimited investigation of legislative corruption and his declaration is regarded as the first significant result of the Republican organization's victory in the senate leadership fight.

The vote on the question of sustaining Senator Conger's bribery charges against Senator Allds was expected to furnish the next clash between the two elements into which disregard of the wishes of Senator Root and Governor Hughes and the election of Senator Cobb as president pro-tem has split the Republican party in the state senate; but if Newcomb moves next week to take up his resolution the line-up may come before the Allds investigation is over.

Two measures providing for a wider investigation are in the hands of the finance committee. The other was introduced by Senator Walworth, but its purpose is practically the same as that of Senator Newcomb's.

## Public Suspicious.

Whatever the truth of the situation may be, public opinion seems to have associated the opposition to the leadership of Root and Hughes with an intention to shut off further attempts to air legislative scandals and with sympathy with Allds.

Hinman, the Root-Hughes choice for majority leader, had been outspoken against Allds during the frequent debates over the admission of certain testimony.

These circumstances lead to a conclusion that Governor Hughes and the elder statesmen of the party in Washington have agreed upon a wider legislative inquiry and are ready to issue orders against any disposition to shelter Allds. Such an investigation could not hurt the Hughes regime. The idea that the people are with them can be traced to expressions in the governor's statement and the Root telegram.

## Organization Confident.

The declaration of Senators Brackett and Davenport and their friends in the senate that Cobb's victory only postponed the issue is not denied of the victorious organization men. They declare, however, that the prestige of defeating the combined forces of the government and the national administration will carry them victorious through the next fight, whatever it may be about.

## HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS SHEEHAN'S REDS AGAIN

Interesting Basketball Game Puled Off in Armory Hall Before Enthusiastic Crowd.

Before a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators, the basketball team of the local high school again defeated Sheehan's Reds, of Hampton, last night in the armory hall, the score being 23 to 20. The game was close and exciting throughout and the crowd did much rooting.

This was the second time this season that the Reds had fallen before the High school, the latter winning at Hampton several weeks ago by a score of 23 to 17. The lineup: Newport News Position Hampton Fitzgerald . . . . . Massenburg

Right Forward. . . . . Wilson

Morgan . . . . . Left Forward.

Robinson . . . . . Wyatt

Hudson . . . . . Sheehan

Andrews (Bennett) . . . . . Booker

Left Guard. . . . .

Summary: Goals from field—Fitzgerald, 4; Robinson, 1; Hudson, 2; Bennett, 1; Massenburg, 4; Wilson, 1; Sheehan, 3. Goals from foul—Morgan, 5; Hudson, 1; Sheehan, 1. Time of halves—Twenty minutes. Referee—Dr. McAllister, Hampton, Umpire—F. B. Davis, Newport News. Timekeeper, Frank C. Carty, Newport News. Scorer—William Clark.

**SOCIETY STARTS ANEW.**

Interesting Meeting of High School Organization is Held.

After a suspension of several weeks, the Newport News High School Literary Society held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall of the school building. An interesting literary and musical program was rendered. The society will hold meetings every two weeks in the future.

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## Vaudeville and Pictures

Large audiences saw all the shows at the New Dreamland theater yesterday afternoon and last night. The bill for the latter half of this week seems to have created a decidedly favorable impression. The drawing feature appears to be Johnston and the Florodora Girls, a trio presenting a musical comedy sketch called, "Placing a Little Bet." This team also puts on an Indian specialty, with its own costumes and scenery.

The other attractions are Don Jamerson, banjo soloist, and Arthur and Bartlett, a man and a girl, in a comedy sketch. The pictures will be changed today as usual.

## MISS NEUGENT SPONSOR FOR CITY OF ST. LOUIS

Daughter of Prominent St. Louis Merchant to Christen the Ocean Steamship Company's Steamer.

Miss Louise Neugent, daughter of a prominent merchant of St. Louis, has been named as sponsor for the Ocean Steamship Company's handsome new freight and passenger steamer St. Louis, which will be launched at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company on Wednesday, March 30. The launching was set for March 29, but the date has recently been changed.

A large party of prominent St. Louis people as well as officials of the Ocean Steamship Company will come here to attend the launching. After the vessel goes overboard, the yard officials will give a luncheon at the Warwick hotel in honor of the sponsor. Plates will be laid for 150 guests and the event promises to be one of the biggest of its kind that the yard has held in many months.

The City of St. Louis is a sister ship of the steamer City of Montgomery, which was launched at the shipyard last month.

## NEW OIL TANK STEAMER TO RUN TRIAL TUESDAY

J. A. Chanslor is Nearing Completion and Will be Delivered to Owners This Month.

It was learned yesterday that the new oil tank steamer J. A. Chanslor, building at the shipyard for the Associated Oil Company, of San Francisco, will have her official speed and endurance trials off the Virginia Capes next Tuesday. The vessel has just had her hull cleaned and painted preparatory to the test.

The J. A. Chanslor will be turned over to her owners here the latter part of this month and will leave a short time afterwards for San Francisco via the Strait of Magellan. She is to ply in the oil trade between Honolulu and San Francisco and is the first tank steamer built here for that company. However, the steamer Hilonian was converted into a "tanker" at the shipyard for the Associated Oil Company several years ago. The vessel was formerly the Spanish steamer Gaditano.

## ADDRESS SALVATION ARMY.

Major Beriman, of Baltimore, Makes Tour of Inspection.

Major Beriman, of Baltimore, addressed the Salvation Army meeting last night at the hall, 3204 Huntington avenue. Major Beriman is on his annual tour of inspection and is accompanied by Adjutant Crowley.

## Wage Dispute Settled.

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., March 11.—There will be no strike of conductors or trainmen on the Baltimore & Ohio, Commissioner of Labor Nell having early this morning brought to a successful conclusion his efforts as mediator in the wage dispute between the railroad and the men.

## Cherrystone Collector.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—The senate today confirmed Marion H. Stevenson to be collector of customs for the district of Cherrystone, Va.

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## TWO SAILORS BADLY CUT

Joe Donandson and Chas. Leierle Attacked by Unknown

## ONE MAY DIE OF WOUNDS

Attack Occurs in Big Trench Being Dug for New Car Float Bridge—Assailant Makes His Escape and is Still at Large.

Armed with a sharp knife, an unknown white sailor made a murderous attack on Joseph Donaldson, a greman of the crew of the Scully Line tug Coastwise, and Charles Leierle, of the crew of the American steam collier Ravenscraig, about 11:30 o'clock last night near Chesapeake & Ohio pier No. 8. Donaldson was cut a half dozen times on the left shoulder and under his left arm and now lies in a critical condition at the St. Francis hospital. Leierle received one stab wound on his right shoulder and two other wounds on his chest close to his throat. The as-

saillant has not yet been located by the police. The cause of the attack seems to be a mystery. Donaldson is unable to make any statement at this time, but Leierle says he and Donaldson had had no trouble and knew no reason why they should have been assaulted. The attack occurred in the big trench now being dug near pier No. 8 for the new car float bridge. The sailor sneaked up from behind the two men, first attacking Leierle and then Donaldson. Donaldson screamed and his cries were heard by Boatswain Cowley and Lamprimmer James Porter, on the British steamer Boliviana, which is moored at pier No. 8. The sailors carried the injured men to Eighteenth street and telephoned the police department. The patrol wagon was hurried to the scene and the men were soon at the police station. Dr. J. Kennedy Cross was called and he had Donaldson moved to the St. Francis hospital for treatment. Dr. J. W. Ayler, surgeon to the police dressed Leierle's wounds.

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